

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 2 is amended herein to remove reference characters "1" and "9." A formal drawing replacement sheet for FIG. 2 that reflects these amendments is included in Appendix A.

FIG. 4 is amended herein to remove reference characters "1" and "400." A formal drawing replacement sheet for FIG. 4 that reflects these amendments is included in Appendix A.

FIG. 8 is amended herein to add a legend of "Prior Art" to the figure. A formal drawing replacement sheet for FIG. 8 that reflects this amendment is included in Appendix A.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Status

Claims 1-28 are pending with claims 1-19, 24 and 25 having been withdrawn from consideration by a previous election. Please cancel claims 1-20, 24, 25 and 26; and amend claims 21, 22, 23, 27, and 28 as follows. Claims 1-20 and 24-25 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 21, 22, 23, 27, and 28 are amended herein. Thus, after entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 21, 22, 23, 27, and 28 remain pending in this application, of which claims 27 and 28 are independent in form. No new matter has been added

Objections to the Drawings

The Examiner asserts that FIGS. 2, 3A, 3B, and 8 should be designated by a legend such as "Prior Art" because only that which is new is purportedly illustrated. Applicant respectfully submits that FIGS. 2, 3A, and 3B show various aspects of one embodiment of the present invention, and therefore illustrate that which is new. Applicant refers to FIGS. 2, 3A, and 3B in the background of the invention section for illustrative purposes to discuss a problem associated with conventional image processing apparatuses. Applicant refers the Examiner to the Specification at page 1, line 23 - page 2, line 3. Applicants respectfully submits that a legend such as "Prior Art" is inappropriate for FIGS. 2, 3A, and 3B. Applicant amends FIG. 8 herein to add a legend of "Prior Art."

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(4) because reference characters "1" and "300" purportedly are used to designate a scanner head and reference characters "84" and "302" purportedly are used to designate a sensor.

Applicant notes that reference character "1" is described in the Specification as a "detachable printhead" and reference character "300" is described in the Specification as a "detachable scanner head." Nonetheless, FIGS. 2 and 4 are amended herein to remove the reference character "1" from the figures. In addition, FIG. 2 is amended herein to remove the reference character "400."

Applicant further notes that reference character "84" refers to a sensor of a prior art scanner unit that is depicted in FIG. 8 and reference character "302" refers to a sensor of a scanner head according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention as depicted in FIG. 3B. Thus, reference characters "84" and "302" each refer to similar parts of two different inventions. That is, reference characters "84" and "302" do not refer to the same part of *an invention* in violation of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(4). Accordingly, no corrective action is believed required with respect to reference characters "84" and "302."

The Examiner has further objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(b) because reference characters "9" and "85" and "86" purportedly are not mentioned in the description. Applicant refers the Examiner to the Specification at page 3, lines 9-10, where the reference characters "85" and "86" are referenced. FIG. 2 is amended herein to remove the reference character "9" from the figure.

Applicant has addressed each of the Examiner's objections to the drawings. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 27 and 28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 27 and 28 have been rewritten in independent

form to include the limitations of former claim 20 and 26 respectively. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 27 and 28 are allowable.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 20, 21, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Applicant's purportedly admitted prior art ("APA"). Claims 22 and 23 (depending from 20) are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Applicant's purportedly admitted prior art ("APA") in view of Omi et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,646,749 ("Omi").

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the characterization of the claims and prior art in the stated rejections and respectfully traverses these rejections. None theless, in order to expedite allowance of this case, claims 20, 21, and 26 are canceled herein, thereby rendering their rejection moot and claim 22 is amended herein to depend from amended and allowable claim 27. As claim 23 depends from amended claim 22, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 22 and 23 is hereby rendered moot and that claims 22 and 23 define patentable subject matter.

Having addressed each of the Examiner's claim rejections, their reconsideration and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For the above-stated reasons, this application is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable examination on the merits is requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

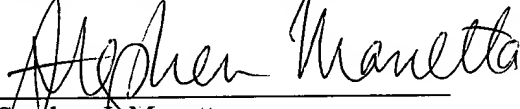
AUTHORIZATION

Applicant believes no extension of time is necessary for this Amendment. Should an extension of time be required for the timely submission of this paper, such extension is hereby petitioned, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4705.

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Appendix A

Formal Drawing Replacement Sheets for FIGS. 2, 4, and 8.